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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, ECON, CPRS, KE, TZ, US
SUBJ: AVIS RENTAL CARS ABANDONED IN TANZANIA

REF (A) DAR ES SALAAM 619 (B) DAR ES SALAAM 623

1. SHEIKH ASHIQ HASSAN, COUNTRY MANAGER, AVIS RENT-CAR LTD., OF NAIROBI, REPORTED TO EMB THAT FIVE KENYAN-REGISTERED VEHICLES BELONGING TO AVIS WERE LEFT IN TANZANIA BY DEPARTING U.S. TOURISTS. OWNERSHIP OF CARS RESTS WITH AVIS OFFICE IN NAIROBI, IN WHICH AVIS NEW YORK HOLDS 50 PER-CENT EQUITY. ON ADVICE OF NY HEADQUARTERS TO SEEK EMB ASSIS-TANCE, HASSAN HAS BROUGHT SITUATION TO OUR ATTENTION.

2. VEHICLES KNOWN TO BE IN TANZANIA ARE:
TOYOTA COROLLA KRA 168 AT TANGA POLICE STATION;
DAHITSU KRA 453 LEFT AT KILIMANJARO AIRPORT BUT PRESUMABLY PICKED UP BY LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AFTER WEEKEND AIRLIFT OF U.S. TOURISTS;
DATSUN 120Y KQZ 351 AT FINNISH EMBASSY, DAR;
TOYOTA COROLLA KQV 938 AT MT. MERU HOTEL;
FOLLOWING CAR LAST SEEN AT NEW AFRICA HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM BUT, AS FAR AS AVIS AWARE, STILL IN POSSESSION OF RENTER--
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AVIS BELIEVES DRIVER LEFT EAST AFRICA WITHOUT INFORMING NAIROBI RENTAL OFFICE OF CAR'S WHEREABOUTS.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH HASSAN EMB OFFERED TO CABLE INFO TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION BY U.S. OFFICIALS THERE. WE CALLED HASSAN'S ATTENTION TO SO-FAR FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS OF UK DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS TO RELEASE BRITISH-

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OWNED VEHICLES AND PROMISED TO KEEP AVIS INFORMED OF ANY
DEVELOPMENTS. HASSAN APPREICATES ANY ASSISTANCE IN
ASSURING SAFETY OF VEHICLES AND EVENTUAL REPATRIATION TO
KENYA.
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